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Examiner Steelman,

Please see attached letter.

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Dear Examiner Steelman,

Below are the answers to your questions and our revised claim amendments:

For 09/823,105: Static/ Semi-static compilation:

1) Yes, the invention generates instrumentation code (#510) which includes generating code to execute a field watch sequence (#520). It also provides guard to guard execution of instrumentation code if field watch is not activated. Note that guarding here means to protect or prevent. We do not want to use "enable" or "disable" which could mean something else. Furthermore, the guard is to guard execution if field watch is not activated. The focus is to make sure instrumentation code is guarded from execution if field watch is not activated. When field watch is activated, although instrumentation code may be executed, but we do not want to claim this.

Regarding [0047], the field watch sequence referred to includes the sequence to mimic stack operands. For the static model, this sequence is always executed. Please refer to lines 3-5 of Figure 7 and [0061]. For the semi-static model, the execution of this field watch sequence is performed when the field watch is activated. Please refer to lines 14, 24, 19, and 23 of Figure 8 and [0066].

The code to execute the field watch sequence is always generated, but its placement is such that it is always executed (for static model) or only executed when the field watch is activated (for semi static model).

2) Comments to your proposed amendments:

a) We prefer NOT to use preamble and the word "whereby".

b) As indicated above, the limitation "providing a guard to the instrumentation code, to enable execution if the field watch is activated, or to disable execution of the instrumentation code if the field watch is not activated" is not accurate. First, we do not want to use the word "enable/ disable" which may mean something differently and may not have support in the specification. Second, we just want to claim the portion "guarding execution of the instrumentation code if the field watch is not activated" and leaving out the condition "if the field watch is activated".

c) The passing of an argument is part of the execution of an event hook function. It is incorrect to recite "passing argument" and then follow by "execution of an event hook function"